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FUNDS FOR WILDLIFE PROTECTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of protected forest areas, state-wise;

(b) the percentage of Protected Areas to the total Forest Areas of various states in the North-East Region, state-wise,

(c) the funds earmarked for Protection of wildlife in Protected Areas; and

(d) the role of wildlife wing for protection of wildlife outside protected areas and funds earmarked for protection of wildlife outside protected areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) As per the State of Forest Report (2003) of Forest Survey of India the details of Protected Forest areas in various states is given at Annexure-1.

(b) The percentage of Protected Areas to total forest areas in North East States is given at Annxure-2.

(c) Financial assistance for protection of wildlife are provided under three major Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, 'Assistance for Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. During the current financial year i.e. 2006-07 an amount of Rs.99.59 crores has been earmarked under these schemes. The scheme-wise break up of funds is as given below:

Sl.No	Name of the scheme	Funds earmarked
1	Assistance for Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries	Rs. 53.50 crores
2	Project Tiger	Rs. 31.00 crores
3	Project Elephant	Rs. 15.09 crores
	TOTAL	Rs.99.59 crores

(d) Protection of wildlife is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. While Protected Areas are normally managed by the Wildlife wing, wildlife outside the Protected Areas is looked after by the Forest Wing. Provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 are applicable both in Protected Areas and outside Protected Areas. Necessary technical inputs, wherever required, are provided by the State Wildlife Wings to their counterparts who manage the forest areas outside the Protected Areas. Government of India also provides necessary technical and financial assistance to the State Governments for wildlife conservation. However, there is no earmarked funds for protection of wildlife outside Protected Areas.